

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, dated September 18, 2006, the Examiner states that Claims 1-11 are pending, and Claims 1-11 are rejected. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the claims.

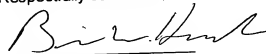
In the Office Action, Figure 2 is objected to as not being labeled as --Prior Art --. A revised drawing Figure 2 is herewith submitted with the --Prior Art-- label. No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action, Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The rejection contends that the claimed method does not produce a concrete, tangible and useful result. The Applicant has amended Claim 1 to require that the set point is applied to the steering column by the assistance motor. The Applicant considers that this amendment overcomes the rejection.

Claims 1-11 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter in the Office Action, and thus should now be in condition for allowance.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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